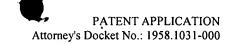
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Sir:

A Brief on Appeal was due on December 24, 2003 in the above references application. In lieu of filing a Brief on Appeal, a Request for Continued Examination is being filed. This Amendment is submitted with the Request for Continued Examination. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows: